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SUBJECT: DECEMBER 17-18 EC COUNCIL MEETING

(FOREIGN MINISTERS): MISCELLANEOUS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 7391

1. THE DECEMBER 17-18 MEETING OF THE EC COUNCIL  
FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT OF THE REGIONAL FUND OR  
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ENERGY POLICY, AND THE COMMUNITY CLOCK HAS BEEN

STOPPED UNTIL JANUARY 7, 1974 WHEN THE COUNCIL MEETS AGAIN (REFTEL). THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED OR WAS ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A NUMBER OF OTHER RELATIVELY LESS IMPORTANT ISSUES, MANY OF WHICH WERE INCLUDED IN A YEAR-END REVIEW OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS. AMONG THESE ISSUES WERE THE FOLLOWING:

2. MEDITERRANEAN. THE COUNCIL AGAIN CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES, BUT WAS UNABLE TO REACH ANY FURTHER AGREEMENT. IT INSTRUCTED THE PERM REPS TO CONTINUE THEIR STUDY OF THE MATTER AND TO REPORT BACK PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING. IN THE ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT, THE THREE NEW MEMBER STATES WILL TAKE AUTONOMOUS MEASURES ON JANUARY 1, 1974 AIMED EVENTUALLY AT MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO IN TRADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES. THESE MEASURES WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL FURTHER ACTION IS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL (SEPTTEL).

3. GENERALIZED PREFERENCES. THE COUNCIL ADOPTED REGULATIONS AND DECISIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING GENERALIZED PREFERENCES FOR LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR 1974 (DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED BY SEPTTEL).

4. AIRCRAFT DUTIES. THE COUNCIL EXTENDED DUTY SUSPENSIONS FOR 1974 FOR IMPORTS OF AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT PARTS (SEPTTEL).

5. INDUSTRIAL POLICY. THE COUNCIL, WITHOUT EXTENSIVE DEBATE, ADOPTED THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL ON TECHNOLOGICAL AND INDUSTRIAL POLICY WITH SLIGHT MODIFICATIONS (SEE EC A-414 AND EC BRUSSELS 6139). A FURTHER REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE FORWARDED BY SEPTTEL.

6. AGREEMENTS WITH INDIA AND BRAZIL. A COMMERCIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMISSION WITH INDIA ON DECEMBER 17. THE COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED A TRADE AGREEMENT WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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BRAZIL WHICH WAS SIGNED LATER ON DECEMBER 19. THESE TWO AGREEMENTS WILL BE REPORTED BY SEPTTEL.

7. BUDGETARY POWERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THE COUNCIL ALSO DISCUSSED BRIEFLY THE STRENGTHENING OF THE BUDGETARY POWERS OF THE PARLIAMENT, BUT AGREED ONLY TO RETURN TO THE SUBJECT AND TO REACH A DECISION BEFORE MARCH 1.

8. CONSUMER PROTECTION. THE COUNCIL NOTED THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS FOR A CONSUMER PROTECTION PROGRAM AND REFERRED THE SUBJECT TO THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR STUDY, INDICATING IT HOPED TO HAVE COUNCIL ACTION ON THE PROGRAM BY MID-1974. (SEE EC BRUSSELS 7363).

9. INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT. THE COUNCIL BRIEFLY EXAMINED THE QUESTION OF THE COMMUNITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT, BUT PUT OFF ANY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION UNTIL ITS NEXT MEETING. GREENWALD

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